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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A communication system for individuals comprising:
- a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
- a communication unit provided on a vehicle body;
- a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and
- a connector for connecting the communication unit and the cable, said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of the helmets and the cable are connected by a magnetic connector.
- 3. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, comprising:
  - a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;
- a communication unit provided on a vehicle body, wherein the communication unit comprises comprising:
  - a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;
  - a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip is steered is small; and

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a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the

relay section; wherein section, the cable [[is]] being connected to the relay section;

a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling

communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and

a connector for connecting the communication unit and the cable, said connector being a

magnetic connector.

4. (Currently Amended) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 2, wherein the communication unit comprises:

a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;

a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip

is steered is small; and

a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the relay

section; section,

wherein the cable is connected to the relay section.

5. (Currently Amended) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 1, wherein the connection between the communication unit and the cable [[may]] can be

disconnected by applying a force in any direction.

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6. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 1, wherein magnets are secured to each of said helmets and said cable includes

magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said

helmet.

7. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 1, wherein magnets are secured to said communication unit and said cable includes

magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said

communication unit.

8. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, and

further including a detecting circuit for detecting loud noises and for suppressing said loud noises

so that individuals using the communication system do not experience unpleasant sounds.

9. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1,

wherein one end of said cable includes a magnetically attractive material and the distal end of

the cable includes a magnetic material wherein the one end of the cable and the distal end mate

with each other during storage of the cable during non-use.

10. (Currently Amended) A communication system for individuals comprising:

a plurality of helmets each helmet being provided with a speaker and a microphone;

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a communication unit;

a cable for connecting the communication unit and each of said helmets for enabling

communication between individuals wearing each helmet; and

a connector for connecting the communication unit each of said helmets and the cable,

said connector being a magnetic connector and including plural electrodes.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 10, wherein the connection between the communication unit each of said helmets and the

cable [[may]] can be disconnected by applying a force in any direction.

13. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 10, wherein magnets are secured to each of said helmets and said cable includes

magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said

helmet.

14. (Previously Presented) The communication system for individuals as set forth in

claim 10, wherein magnets are secured to said communication unit and said cable includes

magnetically attractive material for mating with said magnets for connecting the cable to said

communication unit.

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15. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10, and

further including a detecting circuit for detecting loud noises and for suppressing said loud noises

so that individuals using the communication system do not experience unpleasant sounds.

16. (Original) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10,

wherein one end of said cable includes a magnetically attractive material and a distal end of the

cable includes a magnetic material wherein the one end of the cable and the distal end mate with

each other during storage of the cable during non-use.

17. (New) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10,

wherein the communication unit comprises:

a final controlling element mounted in the vicinity of a hand grip for a vehicle;

a relay section mounted at a position where the amount of movement when the hand grip

is steered is small; and

a relaying cable for electrically connecting the final controlling element and the relay

section,

wherein the cable is connected to the relay section.

18. (New) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said connector includes a first socket mounted on the communication unit and a second socket

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mounted on the cable, said first socket including a pair of magnets thereon and said second

socket including an magnetic material thereon, and said first and second sockets are held

together by the magnetic attraction between the pair of magnets and the magnetic material.

19. (New) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10,

wherein said connector includes a first socket mounted on each of the helmets and a second

socket mounted on the cable, said first socket including a pair of magnets thereon and said

second socket including an magnetic material thereon, and said first and second sockets are held

together by the magnetic attraction between the pair of magnets and the magnetic material.

20. (New) The communication system for individuals as set forth in claim 10,

wherein the magnetic connector includes a first socket mounted on each of the helmets and a

second socket mounted on a first end of the cable, said cable including a plug mounted on a

second end of the cable for connecting to the communication unit.